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BLM Seeks Public Input on Proposed Uranium Mine Plan Modification

Monticello, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Monticello Field Office is seeking public input on a proposed modification to the Plan of Operations for the Daneros Mine in San Juan County. The BLM-Utah will be preparing an environmental assessment to analyze potential impacts associated with proposed changes to Energy Fuels' operating plan for a uranium mine in eastern Utah. Until close of business March 14, 2014, the public is invited to provide comments to help the BLM identify relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis—including alternatives—and guide the process for developing the environmental assessment.

The modified plan proposes expanding facilities at the existing Daneros mine site, adding ventilation holes, and constructing access roads and new facilities at two nearby historic mine sites—Bullseye and South Portal Area. The proposed modification would increase surface disturbance from 4.5 acres to 46 acres, and all disturbed acres would be reclaimed. The proposal also includes features to improve the safety, efficiency, and future reclamation. Under the modified plan, total production of uranium ore is expected to increase from 100,000 tons over seven years to 500,000 tons over 20 years.

More detailed information about the proposed project is included in the plan modification, which can be viewed on the Monticello Field Office website at:
<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/monticello.html>.

Information is also available on the Environmental Notification Bulletin Board at:
<https://www.blm.gov/ut/enbb/index.php>. Search using the term "Daneros Mine".

This public scoping is part of the initial stages of this process and an early opportunity for public comment. The public is encouraged to participate by reviewing the Plan Modification and providing written comments regarding issues or concerns that should be considered during the planning process for this project. Scoping comments will be accepted by until March 14, 2014.

Please note that the most useful comments are those that contain new technical or scientific information relevant to the proposed Plan Modification. Comments should be as specific as possible. Comments which contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the BLM decision-making process. Please reference "Daneros Mine Plan Modification" when submitting comments. There will be further opportunities for public comment following completion of the draft EA.

Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the following addresses:

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Attn: Minerals Program
P.O. Box 7
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To be most helpful, please submit comments before the close of the scoping period. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

For further information, please contact Brian Quigley at (435)587-1500. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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